

24 September 2021



Dear 

**Re: Official Information Act**

I am responding on behalf of Taranaki District Health Board (DHB) to your OIA request of 31 August 2021. You have requested the following information:

1. *How many surgical procedures have been carried out each year in relation to **hypospadias** (“hypospadias repair”) in the last 4 years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018 – 2019, 2019-2020)? Please give specific numbers for each of the following age groups 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19 years.*

Please see *Table 1* in the *Appendix*.

2. *How many surgical procedures have been carried out to repair **post-operative urethral fistula** in the last 4 years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020)? Please give specific numbers for each of the following age groups 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19 years.*

Please see *Table 2* in the *Appendix*.

3. *What other procedures have been carried out in relation to **anomalies of male genitalia** including, but not limited to, procedures intended to alter the shape or curvature of the penis, or to reposition the urethra in the last 4 years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020)? Please give specific numbers for each procedure carried out on people within the following age groups 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19.*

These procedures are not carried out by Taranaki DHB.

4. *How many surgical procedures have been carried out in relation to reducing or adjusting **clitoral size or appearance** in the last 4 years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020)? Please identify the diagnoses and give specific numbers for each of the following age groups 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19.*

These procedures are not carried out by Taranaki DHB.

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5. How many surgical **vaginal construction (or reconstruction)** procedures were undertaken in the last 4 years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020)? Please identify the diagnoses and give specific numbers for each of the following age groups 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19?

These procedures are not carried out by Taranaki DHB.

6. What other procedures have been carried out (including, but not limited to, vaginal dilation, labiaplasty, vulvoplasty, and surgery to modify the urogenital sinus) in relation to **anomalies of female genitalia** in the last 4 years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020)? Please give specific numbers for each procedure carried out on people within the following age groups 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19.

These procedures are not carried out by Taranaki DHB.

7. How many **gonadectomies** have been performed in the last 4 years? Please identify the diagnoses and the reason for removing the gonads. Please give answers broken down by age groups (0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19 years) and year in which interventions took place (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020).

This procedure is not carried out by Taranaki DHB.

8. If gonads have been removed from people aged under 18 years in the last 4 years, (i) in how many instances was the diagnosis confirmed using **molecular genetic techniques**, and (ii) over what period of time were the gonads monitored or observed using **MRI prior to gonadectomy**? Please give answers broken down by age groups (0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19 years) and year in which interventions took place (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020).

This procedure is not carried out by Taranaki DHB.

9. What is the **current protocol** followed (in this region or hospital) in relation to the **retention or removal of the gonads** of people with Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome? At what ages is there consideration of: (i) the opportunity to retain gonads, (ii) the removal of gonads? (In how many instances) have removed gonads or tissue been retained for future research purposes in the last 4 years (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019,2019-2020)?

Not applicable.

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10. Does the **protocol** (mentioned in the question above) include **explicit discussion** of the pros and cons of gonadectomy **with people diagnosed with AIS**? At what age(s) does such discussion happen, according to the protocol? Who has this discussion with the young people/families concerned (e.g., surgeon, psychologist, peer support person)? At what stage, and over what duration, is a psychologist involved?

Taranaki DHB do not provide this specific psychology service in-house. We do, however, have a contract with a private company who predominantly sees transgender clients and so are inclined to have the correct skill set despite AIS being different to transgender.

11. To whom are young people and families referred for **support and information prior to gonadectomy**? Please may we see a copy of the resources shared with families and individuals under these circumstances?

Please refer to the above response.

I trust the above information answers your OIA request.

Kind regards



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## Appendix

**Table 1**

<b>Count of NHI</b>	<b>Age Group</b>				<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>0-4yrs</b>	<b>5-9 yrs</b>	<b>10-14yrs</b>	<b>15-19yrs</b>	
2016-17	0	0	0	0	0
2017-18	0	0	0	0	0
2018-19	3	0	1	2	6
2019-20	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

**Table 2**

<b>Count of NHI</b>	<b>Age Group</b>				<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>0-4yrs</b>	<b>5-9 yrs</b>	<b>10-14yrs</b>	<b>15-19yrs</b>	
2016-17	0	0	0	0	0
2017-18	0	0	0	0	0
2018-19	1	0	0	2	3
2019-20	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>